Payment of dues of retired persons of Regional Directors's Office, Health, Shimla

*107. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who retired from service in 1997 from Regional Director's Office, Health, Shimla, with names and designations;

(b) whether all of them have been paid their retirement dues; and

(c) if so, on which date and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) While no official retired on superannuation from the Office of Regional Director Health & Family Welfare, Shimla in 1997, one Technical Assistant was compulsorily retired after following the proper procedure under relevant disciplinary rules. The final payment of GPF has already been made to him. Provisional pension order has also been issued in favour of the Officer in the absence of receipt of requisite pension papers from him.

DDA Policy regarding change of use of shop

*108. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the various policies adopted by DDA for allowing change of use of shop from 'selected use' to 'general use' since 1991;

(b) from which date the current policy is in force;

(c) whether these policies are uniformly applied for all the shops of a particular zone; and

(d) if not, under what circumstances it is chosen to apply a different policy than the one which is in force?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) It has been reported by the DDA that w.e.f. 23.2.1989, the difference between average auction price of a general shop for the area and the payment already made by the allottee for a shop with restricted use was charged as conversion fee for change of use of shop from restricted to general commercial use. The aforesaid decision has been reviewed by DDA and w.e.f. 21.2.1999, it has been decided that the conversion of shop from 'Restricted' to 'General' use will be allowed on payment @ 25 percent of current L&DO commercial rates. This decision is being reviewed at the Government level. It would be ensured that all cases are dealt with on uniform basis.

Recommendations of Geethakrishnan Committee

*109. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recommendations of Geethakrishnan Committee's report accepted by Government on the re-organisation of various wings of her Ministry and the action taken, so far, or proposed to be taken by Government thereon;

(b) the details of recommendations not accepted by Government alongwith the reasons in each case; and

(c) how far this has affected the efficiency of the various wings of her Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The report of Geethakrishnan Committee, pertaining to Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, has been considered in this Ministry. However no final decision has been taken in the matter.

Untested asthma drug

*110. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Untested asthma drug gets go ahead from Health Ministry" which appeared in the Indian Express, dated 27th May, 2001; and